

The Pleasant and Delightful

# HISTORY

## Captain Hind.

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Wherein is set forth a more full and perfect Relation  
of his several Exploits, Stratagem, Robberies, and Progress, both in Eng-  
land, Ireland, Scotland, and Holland: the like never heard of throughout  
all Ages. Together with his Letter to the King of Scots: And the manner  
of his life and carriage: Further showing, How he rob'd a Gentleman in  
Gloucestershire by laughing: how he rob'd old Peery-Father the Excise-  
man, how he rob'd a Gentleman of 15 pounds, by laying a Ursh-bag in  
the highway: and how he neatly cozened a Lawyer of his Watch.  
And will deliver other remarkable passages; in relation to his proceedings,  
and a discovery of his strange and unparalleld Escapes.

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*The most pleasant and delightfull History of Captain  
James Hind; and a full Relation of all his  
strange Exploits and Robberies.*

*How Hind being left alone, and most of his Crew dispers'd by a Flee and Cry, was  
having his own horse, and in distress for Money, robd five Gentlemen as they  
were riding to a Wedding; and how he was taken prisoner.*

**H**IND having intelligence of a great Feast made by a Countrey  
Gentleman, where were many Gentlemen to meet, who lived some  
4, or 6, or 10 miles off the place appointed, there being a wedding,  
takes his horse in the morning, and coasting the Countrey, meets with a  
Gentleman and his man riding towards the fore said house, bids them stand,  
and without much dispute the Gentleman delivers him 10 li. in gold, thinking  
it better to scape with a whole skin, than lose his horse, and to be taken at last.

They were past this, when they view an ancient building with  
many windows, who one would not have thought would have parted with  
the money so quietly: Hind knowing 'twas no time to dally, bid them  
stand, sent the pistol to the breast of the young Gallant, the old man being  
struck with a panick fear cries out for his life, and asks his Money, which  
was quickly done, together with his Sword; and then it came to the old  
mans turn to deliver, who was as ready to give as he to ask; their pockets be-  
ing both empty, Hind threw the young Gallant his sword again, and bad  
him look to make better use of it, and as an it was a sword man offered. But the  
old Gallant to save the credit of his son, resolved to make the words of  
him, the Gentleman before (being robd) had taken the same relation  
also, so the Ladies should not be soe surpris'd hard for once. Hind immedi-  
ately taking another road, meets another Gentleman riding to the same house,  
and he resolving to make his force want work, search his pocket, find him  
have the Gentleman there, that he might have the same relation also  
for the purpose of the Gentleman's credit.

At which gallery Hind was robd, and his horse was taken, and he was  
back again. By this time Hind's robbing work was over; it  
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growing towards dinner time intended to march towards his Comrade, who was kept by a Horse and Boy, which followed them 3 dayes before for another Robbery: and having not his own horse under him, thought it not best to stay so long thereabouts: having no sooner taken this resolution, but he spies another young Gentleman (supposed to be a younger brother) upon a good Gelding rides that way, and being full of confidence, resolved to take his money and be gone: bids him stand, at which words the Gentleman dismounts, and draws his sword, quoth *Hind*, Shall I be troubled more with thee, then all that be gone before? Since thou art so gallant, thou shalt have fair play for thy money: puts up his Pistol, dismounts also, and draws his sword: and having made a close or two, neither being wounded, *Hind* would as willingly have been rid of his Gamester, as the Gentleman would have been of him: But ere they could agree on the matter, came riding an old Gentleman with a surly Serving-man, who knew the engaged Gentleman, and was quickly off his horse with his sword drawn, quoth *Hind*, We are two fair Gamesters, we need no third man: Yes always quoth the Serving-man, at in-and-in, which I suppose is your sport: With that the Gentleman made a close with *Hind*, so quickly the Serving-man had his hand in *Hind*'s pocket, but drew forth nought but his pistol, at which he yielded himself prisoner.

2. *Hind* blinde, after he was taken prisoner by the last Gentleman and Serving-man, was carried to Dinner with them, where by our Michell chafe he had walked that morning, and after much pleasant discourse gave them the slip with a good Gelding worth 50 pounds.

**H**ind being taken Prisoner by the young Gentleman and Serving-man, thought it good to go quietly with them, that so he might be the better able to make an escape when he saw occasion: and said, Sir, I am now your Prisoner, pray let me know whither you are riding: Quoth he, but to a Gentlemans house about two miles off, to dine with some friends, whither I intend you shall march: quoth *Hind*, I believe there be some Gentlemen gone before will be glad to see me. You shall be civilly used, quoth the Gentleman, and dine with us, and then shall I deliver you to the Justice. They being come to the house, Dinner being set, the Master of the house bid *Hind*, and had him welcome as the young Gentlemans friend, and caused him to sit downe at Table: *Hind* takes a glass of wine in his hand, and drinks to all the Company, especially to those of his acquaintance (as he called them) whom he had robbed in the morning: quoth the old Patriarch, Couldst thou not be content with so good a breakfast, but must thou come and affront my son and me at Dinner? At which words the whole busincle was understood, and the one said, he was robbed of so much, and another of so much, and all acknowledged what they had lost. I thank ye all Gentlemen, quoth *Hind*, for my breakfast, but I am much obliged to this Gentleman, for he would not let me passe rid by, but brought me to my plentiful Dinner. Much mirth past at the Table, and *Hind* dined there with very good discourse for the day. They pleased the company so well, that when dinner was ended, to show him what favour they came to show him, Dinner they took him out into the Court, where the Master of the House had a good young Gelding never back before that day, which was very amply, and had three or three Riders: quoth



*Hinde*, if it please you Gentlemen to give me leave, I shall be in the *Quarter of an hour*; There being a high wall round the yard, whose noise had his intention, he mounts the Gelding with the Masters leave, and was accompanied by all the Gentlemen for a very good horseman, having sufficiently abused and saddled the merry *Old Beast*, and spying a little broken place in the wall, with a full career leaps the Gelding over, and turning about, said *I thank you all Gentlemen for my Breakfast and Dinner, but I must say a brief adieu to this night*. So the Clerk lost his labour in making his *Mistake*, and his Master a Gelding worth fifty pounds.

3 *Now Hinde cozened an Inn-keeper, by pretending himself to be some great Lord, to the value of three score pounds.*

**T**here is no game comes trill, but *Hinde* hath skill in it, in his low estate he hath this conceits, and now he is a pretended Lord, here he shall shew you how he sends some of his Comrades in the habit of Serving-men to take up a Lodging for their Master in an Inn, telling that he was a great Lord, and was desirous to lye there about some business, but with all they told him he must have extraordinary fare, as Rabbits and Chickens, and all other dainties, no Dutchmans meat would go down with him, and to colour the business, he sent him two great Iron bound Chests, with strong locks, and mailed with coarcs, and gave order they should be put in the best room in the House, as if there had been some rich business in it: So when the Lodging was fitted the next day comes in *Hinde* like a great Lord, or *Duke of Spain*, and was welcomed by the Host with a great deal of respect and honor, nothing was omitted that might any way give him content, and thus he continued for some certaine time, for he went out upon his Robbery, and came in again in his Coach, and upon suspected or mistrusted, and when he thought he had laine there long enough, for feare of discovery he took an occasion to borrow three score pounds of his Host, pretending some extraordinary business; the credulous Host believes him, and lends it him, he having (as he thought) such good good security. But the Bird being now fledged, it is time to take wing and be gone. *Hinde* goes out in the morning in his Coach, but was too wise to come any more there, he is expected at night, but no Lord comes, his Lordship is gone another progressive, he stays a week, and appears not, a Month expires, and he is not seen. At last the Host begins to be jealous, and mistrusts, That *all is not Gold that glisters*; He now begins to think, there is some knavery; and (to be short) calls a Constable and he is ready to take an Inventory of the goods in the Chests. The two great Chests are unmailed, or unlocked, the Locks are broken open; which being done, alas then his grief appears. For in stead of rich treasure, he finds nothing but two Chests full of stones and old rubbish cramm'd together.

4 *Now Hinde cozened a Merchant in Holland of 300 Crowns, by giving a counterfeited Chain for a pledge.*

**T**his jovial Gambler, *Hinde*, being in *Holland*, having spent his money, casts his wits about how to recover himself, and you know good Workmen never want their tools: You may remember I told you how he served the Inn-keeper, and almost in the same manner he beguiles the Dutchmen; he goes after the fashion of a Gallant, the better to set a gloss upon his knavery. He hath his man to wait upon him, and by his gallant garb insinuates into rich Merchants acquaintance, makes the World believe he hath brought the wealth of the Indies with him, he pretends he hath great wealth, and happy were he that could be acquainted with him, for it is the nature of the Dutchmen to strike sail for their own profit, to offer any kind of ware they perceive they may





*How Hind and his Myrmidons robbed a Company of Thieves in Ireland.*

**V**hen Hind was in his progress in Ireland, he would sometimes come out, and lurk about for a prey, whilst the rest of his Company were by chance he merr. on 3. Thieves, who had got a prize of money and plunder, and were returning to their Barres, or quarters, but they had not so good luck with it as they expected, for Hind and his Myrmidons fall into them, and make them believe they were of their profession, as indeed they were, but in another way: but one of the Thieves had a jealous mind that Hind was not a true Brother; whereupon he asked him what he was: *What am I,* quoth Hind? *A Brother of the Blade,* and that thou shalt see before we part; therefore deliver us, he said, this sword shall speak other Language then you expect. The Gentlemen were much amazed at this unexpected answer: They asked him what he meant? *What do I mean?* I mean to try a touch whether or no this money you have shall be yours or ours; and to that went; but Hind so playd his Game, that he made them beglad to be rid of him upon such conditions as he liked, and they disliked, which was, to leave their money behind them and go home by the weeping-crofs, and cry, *O hane, O hane.*

*How Hind having lost his horse, robbed a Countryman in Gloucester-shire, by laughing.*

**H**ind upon a time having lost his Horse, meeting with a Country-man in Gloucester-shire, the Country-man being a pretty nimble fellow, got away from him: but Hind he is cunning, seeing he could not overtake him, fell a laughing heartily, which made the Country-fellow return, thinking him to be some old acquaintance of his grown out of remembrance, that in jest had pursued him, ranched back towards him, till Hind laughed at his seeming acquaintance, till the fellow came within danger, that he surprised him, and took 10 l. away from him; but gave him 20 s. again, and told him, *Believe me not when I laugh again.*

*How Hind robbed a Butcher in York-shire, by drawing him from his Company by discourse, and keeping pace with his horse.*

**H**ind coming into York-shire in the West-riding, met with a Company of Butchers, which were going to a Fair to buy some Cattle; he hearing them discourse of their business, and what each party had to bestow, he began to take acquaintance of the thickest of them, and telling him he was of the same Fraternity, and in that he liked not for he had been a Butcher, and therefore could discourse exactly of their profession; so cunningly did he disguise his knavery, and in his discourse being not mistrusted, he trotted pretty hard before the rest; the Butcher whom he singled out, strived to keep pace with him to hold discourse with him, till Hind seeing his opportunity, and being a good way from the Company, said to the Butcher, *Friend,*

Friend, I must require you to deliver your purse; the Butcher deny'd; he presently presents his Pistol before him, which startled the Butcher, and made him deliver his money unto him, the sum being 80 l. and so sent the Butcher to his fellows again.

How Hind is the habit of a Serving-man, robbed a Traveller of 25 l. by laying a Cloak-bag in the high-way.

ALL Professors are some more excellent in the Art then another, and this Hind he is in his profession: as sometimes he went in the habit of a Gentleman of great fortunes, sometimes in poor habit, and sometimes in a Serving-mans habit: so fortun'd, that lying in wait for some body, sent out one of his gang that laid a Cloak-bag in the high-way, where Travellers must of necessity come by, where one coming by, seeing the Cloak-bag lie in the way, lighted from his horse, and went to take up the Cloak-bag: presently Hind steps to him, and takes and robs him of 25 l. this he did in the habit of a Serving-man.

How Hind put a trick upon a Dutch Mountebank in Holland.

NOW Hind being in Holland, and wanting money, being in a strange Country, he had not that command as he had in England, and so rob in the high-way as in England, hearing of a rich Mountebank that went about quacking of it, how he went never without store of money, his name was *Henrick van Velde*, he was something fortunate in Cures, therefore by every one desired: this Mountebank going to visit his sick patients in divers parts of the City, having received divers sums of money, for his particular Cures, was watched by this Hind, and as he passed through by a by-street, he runs to him as in great haste, and salutes him in a kind manner, thus, Sir, I have heard much of your renown in Cures of dangerous consequence, and since it is my happiness to meet with you, I live not far from this place, if you please to go along with me to my house, I have a wife much troubled with a Flux in her Belly for these 14. dayes, and you by your experience may do her much good, if you please to give her a visit; I humbly request you to go along with me, and what content you desire, I shall willingly satisfy. Well, he goes with Hind to his Lodging, and having lockt the door upon him, he takes in one hand a Pistol, in the other a great empty purse, and furiously looking upon him, he said, Sir, here is my wife, meaning the empty purse, she hath been a long time troubled with the Flux in her belly, and you are the only man that can truly remedy, and find out a means to cure this Disease; else I myself by the help of this pistol, am resolv'd to remedy it. This Mountebank seeing himself thus cunningly & suddenly surpris'd, began suddenly to cry out, but was presently silenced by the sight of the pistol, was fain to let go his own purse to cure that purse which had the Flux; but according to his wonted charity, seeing the man in this



his trembling condition, he restored him some part of his money again, promised to convey him to his Lodging, and did so, but paid nothing for fear of another cry, and so he midway between and his lodging both together. *How Hind and his Companions will be the company of the other of them* hundred pounds.

**T**here was a certain company of *Blades*, having spent their patrimony, the next work they take up is to, *rob them*, they would go but, *suppose, or rather as an honest man, and so they combined together to make the next opportunity*. So it was the ill fortune of a Gentleman in Lincolnshire to be surprised by these gallants of all his money, when they had their booty they went out of that County, and came to an Inn where they were to be, where they were very frolic and merry, and *and observe his action*, *was in the year 1661*. Companions way laid them, and at the foot of an hill bid them *Wagtail* *Wagtail*. The Youngsters were much startled at it, and cryed out, *What are your friends? What Tyeves fall out? We will fall in*, *saith Hind* and to tell upon them, took all their money, and so he went on, *and so he went on*, *and so he went on*, *and so he went on*.

**H**ind had a wife, when he put to bed, he sent some of his Comrades in the night to his lodging, to take up his goods, and their *the Inn-keeper*, there was a great Lord, so he there about some business for some time, and wished him to provide the best chere could be devised, for he cared not for Butchers meat: and to colour the business, he sent two great iron Chells bound and corded about it, if some rich treasure were in them, and gave order they should be let in the best room in the house, so when the lodging was fitted, the next day came in *Hind* like a great Lord, in a Coach of Spain, in his Coach attended by two Lackeys, and two Servants, having an extraordinary respect from the Master of the house, and so continued for a certain time, going in and out upon his robberies, but (having been there a month or more, paying for what he had) the Host mistrusted something becoming in and out in his Coach in that manner: *Hind* took an occasion to borrow three score pounds of his Host, pretending some extraordinary business, and goes out in the morning in his Coach, but came in no more: his Host thought he had been gone into the Country and would return again, and consequently mistrusted not, because he conceived he had so good a pledge: but after he had been gone a month or more, he made bold to open the chells, wherein was nothing but stones and bricks bays: *So Hind had no small entertainment, and money was lost*.

**H**ind meeting with a Lawyer in a Tavern near the road, fell into company, and were very merry together. *Hind* perceiving the Lawyer had a Watch in his pocket (by the key and frame hanging out) made bold with it, which the Lawyer soon after missed, and required aid, whereupon *Hind* restored it to him again with this Poetical Complement.

*A Watch in Tavern lost, and found by chance.*  
The thing was mine, and you, my friend, took it,  
And so to be sure, it is your pocket's;  
If you would keep your Watch, thus must you do,  
Pocket your Watch, but watch your pocket too.

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